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THE Chairmen, and other members, of the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee and of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, have issued a supporting invitation to political and industrial leaders to attend the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Mackinac Island, Michigan, 29 May—10 June, in which they state :

“ We need such a demonstration of united strength in the field of inspired moral leadership, without which our common military, political and economic efforts to save the free world will certainly be less effective.

“ We are impressed with the practical evidence of what such active moral leadership has accomplished to establish democracy as a working force in danger areas that affect the future of your country and ours.

We recognise the opportunity this assembly offers to proclaim to the world an inspired experience of democracy, based on moral standards and the guidance of God, which is the greatest bulwark of freedom.”

There is great interest in the Mackinac Assembly throughout America. Public meetings and luncheons have been held in preparation in Indianapolis, Louisville, Minneapolis, Detroit, Windsor (Ontario), and Chicago. Congressional delegations are being prepared in Washington. Strong representation is expected from the airline industry. Thirty distinguished Japanese leaders, including Governors of Provinces, Members of the Diet and newspaper proprietors are travelling to the Assembly. Delegations will be leaving next week from Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland and the Scandinavian countries.

## A PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

A group of British Members of Parliament and of the House of Lords, from both Parties, is issuing a joint invitation to Members of Parliament throughout the free world to attend a special Parliamentary Session at Caux during the last two weeks of August and the first two weeks of September. They write :—

“ Over the past six years Moral Re-Armament has brought together 450 Parliamentarians from 43 nations at the World Assemblies at Caux. Men and women of every shade of political opinion have met on common ground, and practical answers have been worked out to the many problems which vex the world, and to the suspicions and fears which divide classes, races and nations.

“ This year it is more urgent than ever that members of the free parliaments of the world should meet to develop the common bond between us, and, in face of

the present struggle of ideologies, to create the federation of ideas which is a necessity if the nations are to avert final disaster.”

A Member of the French Chamber of Deputies, M. Joseph Dumas (MRP), said in London last week : “ I find myself of one mind with British Members of Parliament in our views on peace and how to make it a reality. We want to see a united world force of Members of Parliament. The key to such a development will be the proposed conference in Caux. There, Members of Parliament from many countries can discuss problems not only on a political but on a moral basis. We can reach complete agreement on the basis of moral standards. These moral standards are the foundation of society, and of our hope for the future. Every Member of Parliament should be informed about this world force of Moral Re-Armament.”

*The Forgotten Factor* visited Portsmouth over the weekend 9—11 May. The Home Fleet was in port, and invitations to the showings were forwarded to the Captains and Wardrooms of all ships. Posters advertising the play were put up in the dockyard, which employs 15,000 men. The cast and task force were welcomed to the city by a civic reception given by the Lord Mayor.

Audiences of 3,600 representing the Navy, labour, industrial management and the professions packed the three performances at the City Council's South Parade Pier Theatre. The Lord Mayor was present on Saturday. The performances were introduced by Captain Ridley Waymouth, R.N. (ret.) Delegations came from Vickers Armstrong, Southampton, de Havilland and other nearby industries. The Managing Director of one well-known firm brought 97 employees and invited members of the cast to address his factory staff the next day. Members of the cast were also invited to visit the carrier *Indomitable*, Flagship of the Home Fleet, the battleship *Vanguard* and the *Victory*.

#### IN PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, 11 May, the cast and task force attended morning service in Portsmouth Cathedral. The International MRA Chorus sang an anthem specially

composed for the occasion by George Fraser. The Very Reverend E. N. Porter Goff, Provost of the Cathedral, said in the course of his address: "We are here this morning to give thanks for the presence in Portsmouth of the cast and other helpers of the play *The Forgotten Factor*. Here is something which I believe we should thank God for, because it is something which we are always saying we want. It is a movement of the laity. The Church should thank God that there has sprung up spontaneously a movement of the laity in this country.

In every generation there seems to spring up in our midst a group who, by setting before themselves a definite rule of life, challenge the apathy and laziness of the rest of us . . . Another reason we might thank God is because you appear to be making an impact on two sides of life that organised religion does not touch and yet which are vitally important to our life and future. You appear to be making an impact on industry and government, two spheres of human activity too little influenced by religion . . . This building has stood for the Christian faith for more than seven and a half centuries. That is why we welcome in our midst those who seek to revive the faith for those sides of our life in which it has been too long neglected."

#### THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

On June 8 there will be a national demonstration in the Royal Festival Hall at 3.00 p.m. Speakers from Britain, Europe and Asia will show the world-wide impact of Moral Re-Armament on the urgent problems of the hour.

The Festival Hall holds 3,500. Parties are being organised from all over Britain to attend this meeting. Twenty coach loads are planned from the Portsmouth-Southampton area, and similar numbers from Bir-

mingham and the Midlands. Many towns will be represented by their mayors and other civic leaders. Industrial delegations of miners, steel workers and factory workers are also coming.

Seats may be reserved free of charge for individuals or for parties by writing to: MRA, The Box Office, The Royal Festival Hall, London, S.E.1.

Invitation cards, leaflets and posters are available for all who wish to use them.

#### VISITORS FROM JAPAN

Three Japanese Senators have been making a study of Moral Re-Armament in Britain, Germany and Switzerland. All three, Mrs. Fujiwera, elected representative of all the women Socialists of Japan, Dr. Domori, official representative of the Japanese Socialist Party at the International Socialist Conference, and Senator Sata, a well-known economist, addressed a conference of trade unionists in London on 20 April, before leaving for Germany. Mr. Sata said: "In London many Socialists only spoke in national terms about national problems, and I was disappointed. Here in MRA, I feel the real international atmosphere. International Socialists should be guided by MRA. We in Labour

must have an ideology and a spiritual and moral revolution in each person."

In Berlin the delegation took part in the May Day celebrations and were officially welcomed before a crowd of 600,000 by Minister-President Karl Arnold and other speakers.

They were also received by the City Council of Dortmund and were the guests of the Parliamentary Socialist Party in Bonn. The delegation then moved to Hamburg, Bremen, Frankfurt and Stuttgart and later travelled to Switzerland, where they visited Zürich, Geneva and Caux.

A correspondent writes from Cape Town: "The situation in South Africa is dominated by the constitutional issues in Parliament. It is a terrible thing to see 2½ million white people on this continent fighting each other, while the 150 million Africans of the continent are ideologically awake, and no longer very concerned with what the white man thinks. The white people here are so up against each other politically that they have failed to give the continent an ideology, and so others are doing so.

"Everywhere one goes in Africa these days one sees signs of the kind of preparations being made here that were made in China 25 years ago. The three-point programme for this continent is: (1) Africa for the Africans, (2) Back to your old Tribal Gods, (3) Out with the white man.

"In addition there is a world press campaign to isolate the white population of South Africa from the rest of the continent and the rest of the world, so that the time may come when South Africa will have no friends to call upon.

"The extraordinary situation is that Africans, educated or not, are ideologically awake, while the Europeans throughout the continent are still asleep.

"Although the situation is dark, wherever MRA has been applied sincerely, the results have been startling, and it is amazing how acceptable the ideas of change, the four standards and the guidance of God are to Africans and Indians when actually lived out by Europeans, or indeed by any race to any race in this multi-racial continent. That is the great hope—a hope that is not only possible, but is on its way."

### RESPONSE IN BRAZIL

During the past weeks in Brazil, ideological differences have been apparent at the highest level in the Army. In addition, a number of N.C.O's have been arrested, including the President of their national club. Forty-six industrial leaders are going to Moscow with fifty trade union leaders from the docks and industry who will remain for three months training. The Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro warned recently that an all-out ideological offensive on Brazil is scheduled for 1952.

A Moral Re-Armament task force has been working in Brazil since March. They have held many informal meetings with employers, dockers' leaders and other trade unionists, and representatives of government

and education, as well as addressing the Rotary Clubs of Santos and San Andrea. At the Santos docks on 20 April, a mass meeting of dockers, led by the President of their union, listened to twenty speakers, including management and trade union officials, who presented evidence of Moral Re-Armament in the docks of the world. At the conclusion of the meeting a dramatic reconciliation took place, which ended a five year feud between a City councillor and a docker's leader.

The *MRA Information Service* is now being published in Portuguese in Brazil. A series of pamphlets is also being launched and Peter Howard's *The World Rebuilt* in Portuguese will be published at the end of May.

### TRAINING FOR YOUNG MINERS

Mr. Hans Scholtz, who is in charge of the training of all the young miners in the Bochum area of the Gelsenkirchen Mining Company, gave the following address on Thursday, 8 May, at a meeting of businessmen in the Royal Empire Society, London.

"I am here as a representative of a young and new Germany. Germany is conscious of her guilt and feels her responsibility towards the whole world. Three years ago I spent several weeks at Wilton Park in England, together with other German trade unionists. I studied both in Wilton Park and in London the methods of democracy. It was very interesting and valuable for us, but it is through MRA that the ideology of democracy has come alive for us.

"In my work, I am responsible for young miners, who for the most part are political refugees, or have lost their parents. These young people tend very easily towards extremism, either of the left or the right, and it was clear to me that we must find something that would

give an answer. It was in this situation that I met MRA. Together with others in the Ruhr I built up workers' study circles and through that I was able to awaken the positive and creative forces among these young people. The result of that today is that we can say that among the young miners in Bochum we have answered the problem of extremism.

"Then there is the great problem of absenteeism among the young miners. Here, again, we have met with success, and we now have the best figures in the whole of the Ruhr area for low absenteeism. We have also been successful with voluntary shifts on holidays.

"Near to us there was a mine which had 200 young miners living together in a hostel. At first, some former S.S. leaders began to win the young miners for their Party, the Neo-Fascist Party. Later, however, five trained leaders of the Communist Youth Organisation from Berlin were sent to the hostel. They succeeded in converting the whole hostel to Communism in the

course of a year, and their plan was to build up a strike organisation to spread strikes right through the Ruhr. This strike committee approached the young miners in my pit. But here they failed completely, as our young miners had, in the meantime, found a better and greater ideology in Moral Re-Armament.

"The young strike leader, a man aged twenty-four, who had been trained in Moscow, sat for a whole day in my office. I gave him the book of Dr. Frank Buchman's speeches, *Remaking the World*. Two days later he rang me up and told me that he had been extremely moved and that he had found an entirely new conception.

"As a result of all this, the trade unions have begun to take an interest in what we are doing, and we have been

given the task of carrying on the cultural education of the youth for the whole of the mining industry. As well as this, a number of managing directors of mines have become interested and they too want this ideology for their young miners.

"Recently we built up a cultural and ideological centre in Gelsenkirchen where young miners can meet together with students and others. The young miners themselves pay a monthly contribution which enables us to hire buses to take them to these meetings and also to buy literature on Moral Re-Armament. It seemed especially important to us to bring together the student youth and young miners. In MRA we have found a platform on which we can build a new world together.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Conferences**—A series of planning conferences has taken place in recent weeks in Britain. These have included a conference of clergy and ministers in the Midlands, two teachers' conferences in London, a medical conference under the chairmanship of Dr. Ernest Claxton, Assistant Secretary of the British Medical Association, and a training weekend for university men from Oxford and Cambridge and other universities. A further conference of shop stewards in the London area took place on Sunday, 20 April, and series of shop stewards' training meetings have now begun on Merseyside and in the West of England. Businessmen from all parts of the country held a conference in the North-West from 3—5 May to plan for the equipment and supply of the MRA force in Britain.

**New Zealand**—Under the headline "Minister finds Moral Re-Armament on waterfront," *The Dominion* reports an address of the New Zealand Minister of Labour to an Employers' Association conference in Wellington. The report states, "The Minister of Labour, Mr. Sullivan, has been happy to find that there are a number of men leading the new waterfront

workers' unions who are associated with and believe in Moral Re-Armament. 'I am happy to say that some of these people are playing a prominent part on the waterfront today,' he said, 'They believe in conciliation and arbitration. It is a good thing that there are people elected who are prepared to carry out that policy.'"

**Newport**—At the request of directors, Personnel managers and shop stewards, information and training meetings have begun in Newport factories and in the industrial valleys since the recent showings of *The Forgotten Factor*. Speakers have addressed shop stewards' committees and meetings of labour and management. At the Northern Aluminium Company, which employs 3,500 men, a group which included Rear-Admiral Sir Edward Cochrane spoke to a meeting of Mill managers, Personnel managers and shop stewards. At another large aluminium plant, speakers were invited to address the Works Council. A task force is also working in the coal and steel areas of West Wales.

**Forthcoming Events** (*Further to the list in our last issue*)  
20-22 May *The Forgotten Factor* in Workington.  
28 May Public meeting in Manchester, at the Grand Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

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# German Youth Today

"Both at home and abroad there is much talk about the apathy of the German youth," writes Fritz Hirschner, editor of the *Essener Allgemeine Zeitung*. "It is also said that this attitude of 'count me out' takes its most frightening form in complete indifference to every form of politics. Yet the readiness and openness of this same German youth is evident as soon as they are offered an idea which is great enough to unite the world, and at the same time is sufficiently practical to be applied at once in their personal life. For this reason particular importance must be attached to the latest ideological offensive now being launched by Moral Re-Armament among the youth of Germany."

*These notes have been prepared by Horst Birk, who was President, in 1951, of the Student Body of Tubingen University, and has an extensive knowledge of the Universities of Germany.*

WHEN the Nazis were in power, the teaching of every university had to conform to the Nazi 'Party Line'. There was the famous burning of the books by Goebbels in 1933 in Berlin, and then the expulsion of professors, many of whom, like Einstein, were forced to leave the country. In its turn the war caused enormous destruction of libraries, laboratories, clinics and lecture halls. After the war, equipment of any description from a pencil to a test tube was practically unobtainable. Living conditions for professors and students were far from satisfactory. In one large university over 30% of the students were found to have tuberculosis. Once again the number of professors was drastically reduced by the denazification policy, though some, after enquiries, were later reinstated. To add to the difficulties, since the Nazis had monopolised all youth work, sports clubs and other youth organisations, the only non-Nazis who had personal experience of youth activities, and who now tried to revive youth movements, belonged to the older generation.

## CHANGES IN THE EAST ZONE

At the same time in the 'German Democratic Republic' of the Eastern Zone, in which 18,000,000 Germans are living today, there were vast changes. The universities have been reformed into 'forts of Marxism-Leninism'. Admission to the university is subject to a school leaving examination, which includes a considerable section on historical and dialectical materialism, and on a satisfactory record of 'political and social activities' in the Communist-

controlled organisations. Particular facilities are given to the worker and peasant students in order to abolish all the privileges of the possessing class. Apart from university work, the Communist Free German Youth has a system of two years' concentrated ideological training for every young man or woman, and even the smallest children have classes on current affairs from the Communist viewpoint. Any students from East Germany who go to Western universities, have to apply for special permission in order to return to see their homes and families in the East. In many cases this permission is refused. From the same quarter there is a determined bid to win the youth from Western Germany. The Free German Youth offers to its branches in Western Germany visiting tours, holiday camps and scholarships to everyone who 'wants to see for himself the truth about the peace-loving democratic regime'. Simultaneously there is an effort to persuade certain classes of workers and students to emigrate permanently from the West. Wages have been readjusted to provide suitable incentives. For example, apprentice wages are many times higher in the East than in the West. Education is free, and for the benefit of potential young Germans whose parents could not afford to give them a high standard of education, the 'Workers and Peasants Faculty' in the East gives a free three-year preparation for university entrance.

## CONFUSION IN WEST GERMAN YOUTH

In the West there is much confusion in the minds of the youth. Public opinion about

democracy has been largely determined by the fact that Germany has tried democracy after two catastrophic world wars. In these emergency situations democratic liberties did not always seem to meet the requirements. The totalitarian regime of the East seems to have its advantages. Visitors notice that the news stands are not covered in the East with pornographic literature, as this is absolutely banned by the State. Again, the test of 'political activities' for entrance to the universities appeals to the minds of some as showing a return to the original mediaeval conception of a university—the place for training the future leadership of a whole nation, a leadership which demands not only intellectual skill but a practical ability to lead.

Last year 100,000 West German youth were invited to the World Festival of Youth for Peace in Berlin, and all expenses from the border were paid by the inviting Free German Youth. There has been much confusion over the question of peace. In 1945 the Western Powers presented a programme of total dis-armament and absolute pacifism as the basis of a new Germany. The Western Powers' policy of re-arming Germany is now exploited to the full.

During the past years an incredible number of clubs and organisations of a religious, sporting, political and social nature have sprung up, yet the youth have remained largely apathetic. This is partly due to the fact that many organisations lacked a big enough uniting idea, and became bogged down in petty rivalries and jealousies from the past.

#### IMPACT OF MORAL RE-ARMAMENT

The completely new force which is making a large scale impact on German youth is Moral Re-Armament.

While 100,000 youth in West Germany were invited to the Eastern German Youth Festival, 152,000 received copies of the book *The World Rebuilt*. This campaign was launched by a nucleus of 30 students from eleven universities

who had found in MRA the answer both to false ideologies and the post-war apathy. They had learned through MRA to take responsibility for Germany's past and for the future of their country, and they were now determined to bring this answer to the whole of the German youth.

The immediate results were invitations from 17 universities for a task force to come to give ideological training. This programme has begun, and speakers from many nations, with the international chorus from Caux, have visited Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Darmstadt, Hamburg, Hanover, Cologne, Bonn, Bremen and Aachen since the beginning of 1952. In Bonn they were received by the Speaker of the West German parliament. The Federal Minister of the Interior, Dr. Lehr, and the Federal Minister for Upper House Affairs addressed the meeting in Bonn, at which members of the Diplomatic Corps and of Parliament were present. In every city the meeting halls proved to be too small to hold all those who wished to come, and hundreds of students stayed after the meetings to learn how to apply absolute moral standards in their personal life and that of their universities.

#### TO UNITE THE WEST AND WIN THE EAST

The growing response of the youth of Germany to Moral Re-Armament lies in the fact that it is, as one of them said, "An ideology big enough to solve the problems of the world and practical enough to be applied in our personal life."

A student leader from Berlin, who lost an arm as a paratrooper, said at Caux, "German youth will not respond to propaganda from the West which is based on the negative philosophy of anti-Communism. But they will rise and respond to the moral challenge of the ideology of Moral Re-Armament. We are determined to follow this new path and ensure that Berlin plays a major part in the ideological struggle to unite the West and win the East."

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